

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An appliqué adapted for use in an instrument, instrument cluster or instrument panel of an automotive vehicle, the appliqué comprising a sheet form member having an obverse side and a reverse side and comprising a plastics material, the sheet form member comprising:

at least one substantially planar portion having an obverse area on the obverse side and a reverse area on the reverse side;

at least one rim portion or ring portion integrally formed with the ~~or the~~ respective at least one substantially planar portion, the ~~or each~~ at least one rim portion forming a closed shape with encloses the ~~or the~~ respective at least one substantially planar portion;

a further substantially planar portion having a further obverse area on the obverse side and a further reverse area on the reverse side, the ~~or each~~ further substantially planar portion being integrally formed with the ~~or the~~ respective at least one rim portion, the further substantially planar portion surrounding the respective at least one rim portion;

the at least one rim portion protruding from the ~~or the~~ respective obverse area and from the further obverse area by a height of at least 4 mm, and the at least one rim portion being recessed from the ~~or the~~ respective reverse area and further reverse area, and wherein

~~the or each~~ at least one rim portion is of a first colour and ~~the or the~~ respective substantially planar portion is of a second colour different to the first colour.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the further substantially planar portion is of the second colour different to the first colour.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first colour is silver or chrome and the second colour is black.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~there are provided at least two~~ the at least one rim portion comprises a plurality of rim portions, at least one of said rim portions having a height of at least 4 mm from the respective obverse area and a further obverse area common to each of the at ~~least two~~ plurality of rim portions.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~there are provided~~ the at least one rim portion comprises two rim portions, each having a height of at least 4 mm from the obverse side, the two portions being located side by side.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein an ink coating is applied to a surface of the at least one rim portion, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in a high temperature resin base.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is between 4 mm and 9 mm.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is 4 mm to 7.5 mm.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is 6.5 mm.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closed shape is selected from one of: substantially circular, oval or elliptical.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~or each~~ at least one substantially planar portion is provided with dial chaplets.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least rim portion comprises a first wall, a second wall, a top part and an open base part.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the base part of the at least one rim portion has a width from an outer-most side of the second wall to an inner-most side of the first wall.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first wall is convex in shape when viewed from the obverse side of the sheet form member.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first wall of the at least one rim portion comprises part of a circle having a radius of 10 mm to 20 mm.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the second wall of the at least one rim portion is substantially vertical.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claims in claim 12, wherein the second wall is inclined at a shallow angle to the top part of the respective at least one rim portion.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first wall protrudes more from the obverse side than the second wall does from the obverse side, and the top part comprises part of a circle having a radius of 0.5 mm.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is provided with a pressure sensitive adhesive coated on the reverse side.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein a spacing between outer-most walls of ~~adjacent~~ rim portions adjacent one another is 45 mm to 50 mm.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one substantially planar portion and the further substantially planar portion have a thickness of between 0.25 mm and 0.5 mm.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plastics material substantially comprises polycarbonate or ABS acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS).

Claim 23 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plastics material comprises a blend of polycarbonate and poly-butylene-terraphthalate (PBT).

Claim 24 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is provided with a printed design.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printed design is provided by printing on the obverse side and on the reverse side of the sheet form member.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is a laminate comprising two or more layers laminated together.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein an ink coating is provided on the at least one rim portion, such as an obverse surface thereof, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in a high temperature resin base.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 27, wherein the high temperature resin base has a softening temperature of above 160° C.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 27, wherein the resin base for the ink coating is a dissolved plastics material or acrylic cellulose acetate butyrate.

Claim 30 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claims 29, wherein the plastics material is a copolycarbonate which is a combination of bisphenol A (4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol) and bisphenol TMC (trimethylenecyclohexane bisphenol).

Claim 31 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 29, wherein the plastics material is dissolved in a non-halogenated solvent.

Claim 32 (Currently amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 27, wherein the high temperature resin based ink contains a chrome ~~and/or aluminum~~ pigment, an aluminum pigment, or a mixture of both.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claims 32, wherein the pigment comprises particles or flakes having an average size in the range of 5 microns to 55 microns in diameter or length.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 27, wherein the ink coating forms a closed shape, the closed shape optionally being annular, oval or elliptical.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein an ink coating is provided on the at least one rim portion, such as an obverse surface thereof, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in an acrylic cellulose acetate butyrate resin base.

Claim 36 (Previously presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 35, wherein the pigment comprises particles or flakes having an average size in the range of 5 microns to 55 microns in diameter or length.

Claim 37 (Currently amended): A component for an automotive vehicle comprising an appliqué according to ~~any of claim 1.~~claim 1.

Claim 38 (Currently amended): A component as claimed in claim 37, wherein the component comprises an instrument, instrument cluster, instrument panel, gauge or control assembly ~~for an automotive vehicle.~~

Claim 39 (Previously presented): A component as claimed claim 37, wherein the component further comprises a rigid backing part having the appliqué mounted thereto.

Claim 40 (Previously presented): A component as claimed in claim 39, wherein the appliqué is molded to the backing part.

Claim 41 (Previously presented): A component as claimed in claim 39, wherein the appliqué is glued or clipped to the backing part.

Claim 42 (Currently amended): A component as claimed in claim 39, wherein the backing part is made from a plastics material such as polycarbonate or ABS acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS).

Claim 43 (Previously presented): An automotive vehicle including an appliqué according to claim 1.

Claims 44 – 49 (Cancelled)